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BEWARE OF FRAUDULENT SOLICITORS ASKING FOR MONEY FOR THE CHP

Many businesses in California have answered their telephones recently, only to be asked to buy advertisements. That is not unusual. What is different and disturbing to California Highway Patrol (CHP) Commissioner Dwight Helmick is the solicitors are promising to give the money they raise to the CHP to fund public education programs or to help the families of fallen officers.

“These solicitors are misrepresenting what they do,” said Commissioner Helmick. “We do not ask businesses to place ads in publications, and we *do not* receive money from ads that are placed. When it comes right down to it, these people are using the name of the California Highway Patrol to raise money for their own purposes.”

“The CHP does not request funds of any kind either in person or over the telephone. If anyone receives a telephone call, mailing, magazine advertisement or other solicitation requesting money, goods and/or services on behalf of the CHP, don’t do it,” Helmick added. “Instead, obtain the name and telephone number of the individual, then call (916) 657-7202 or the local CHP Area Office to report the incident.”

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